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Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 47 (see A/63/412, para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 26th, 28th and 29th meetings, on 5, 20 and 25 November 2008. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/63/SR.26, 28 and 29).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.8 and A/C.2/63/L.49

2. At the 26th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International trade and development" (A/C.2/63/L.8), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 56/178 of 21 December 2001, 57/235 of 20 December 2002, 58/197 of 23 December 2003, 59/221 of 22 December 2004, 60/184 of 22 December 2005, 61/186 of 20 December 2006 and 62/184 of 19 December 2007 on international trade and development, and recalling also the provisions of the United Nations Millennium Declaration pertaining to trade and related development issues, as well as the outcomes of the

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International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome and General Assembly resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the Summit, and the Accra Accord adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its twelfth session,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-fourth executive session, held on 10 July 2008;

"2. *Notes* the ongoing deliberations in the context of the preparatory process for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, to be held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008, which will substantively address the issue of international trade and development;

"3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of international trade and development;

"4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled 'Macroeconomic policy questions', the sub-item entitled 'International trade and development';

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At its 29th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "International trade and development" (A/C.2/63/L.49), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Martin Hoppe (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at its 29th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49 (see para. 10, draft resolution I).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.35

7. At the 28th meeting, on 20 November, the Chairperson drew the attention of the Committee to a draft resolution entitled "Report of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" (A/C.2/63/L.35), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Martin Hoppe (Germany).

8. At its 29th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

9. Also at its 29th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.35 (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
International trade and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/178 of 21 December 2001, 57/235 of 20 December 2002, 58/197 of 23 December 2003, 59/221 of 22 December 2004, 60/184 of 22 December 2005, 61/186 of 20 December 2006 and 62/184 of 19 December 2007 on international trade and development, and recalling also the provisions of the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] pertaining to trade and related development issues, as well as the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development[2] and the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[3] the 2005 World Summit Outcome[4] and General Assembly resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the Summit, and the Accra Accord adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its twelfth session, held from 20 to 25 April 2008,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development[6] and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-fifth session, held from 15 to 26 September 2008;[7]

2. *Notes* the ongoing deliberations in the context of the preparatory process for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, to be held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008, which will substantively address this issue;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of international trade and development;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Macroeconomic policy questions", the sub-item entitled "International trade and development";

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a report on international trade and development.

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[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex, and resolution 2, annex.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

[5] TD/442 and Corr.1, chap. II.

[6] A/63/324.

[7] A/63/15 (Part IV).

Draft resolution II
Report of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the outcome of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Accra from 20 to 25 April 2008, specifically the Accra Declaration[1] and the Accra Accord;[2]

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to the Government and people of Ghana for the hospitality extended to participants in the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Welcomes* the generous offer of the Government of Qatar to host the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2012.

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[1] TD/442, chap. I.
[2] Ibid., chap. II.